

Proclamation 5854 of September 8, 1988**National D.A.R.E. Day, 1988**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Avoidance of illegal drug use and alcohol abuse must be emphasized early and often to children and young people. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a program specifically designed to reach children. It is currently provided in 35 States and is taught by veteran police officers who have direct experience with criminals and victims of drug abuse.

D.A.R.E. is concerned with children from kindergarten through junior high school and with their parents. It offers information and wise counsel on resisting peer pressure and avoiding illegal drug use and alcohol abuse. Police officers, experienced in the effects of drug and alcohol abuse, are trained to help students recognize the risks of drugs and to learn strategies for handling stress without resorting to dangerous substances.

D.A.R.E. instruction programs have already touched the lives of more than a million and a half students and contributed to improved study habits, better grades, and greater respect for authority. In short, this positive program of drug abuse prevention is effective.

In recognition of this successful program, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 295, has designated September 15, 1988, as "National D.A.R.E. Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 15, 1988, as National D.A.R.E. Day. I call upon the people of the United States and, in particular, parents, students, school administrators, and law enforcement officials, to observe this day with appropriate activities to increase awareness of D.A.R.E. throughout our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5855 of September 8, 1988**National Adult Day Care Center Week, 1988**

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The number of older Americans continues to grow, thanks in part to advances in medical care and technology and better understanding of the ways nutrition, behavior, and environment affect health. Most senior citizens are active in their communities; but some cannot be so.

For them we seek ways to continue or initiate every possible measure of independence, dignity, and integration in family and community life. We do so not only out of recognition of all that today's older citizens have achieved over the years, but also because of our long national history and heritage of respect for the elderly and reverence for the individual dignity and worth inherent in each of us alike.

One way that Americans are helping older citizens is by establishing adult day care centers. Some 1,200 such centers now serve older Americans who are frail, disabled, or requiring regular medical care and who might otherwise need care in a long-term facility. These centers often exist in hospitals, nursing homes, and senior centers; they offer a range of programs from health services to therapy, meals, and social activities. The centers benefit the elderly—and give a vital assist to dedicated family caregivers so they can meet their own needs.

The number of adult day care centers has grown rapidly over the past two decades, and State and Area Agencies on Aging, as well as social service and health care agencies, support the creation of additional centers across our country. Concerned citizens can and should work with their States and Area Agencies on Aging to see that their community has one of these truly beneficial adult day care center programs.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-344, has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of September 1988 as "National Adult Day Care Center Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning the third Sunday of September 1988 as National Adult Day Care Center Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5856 of September 8, 1988

National Farm Safety Week, 1988

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

All of us, and people around the world as well, appreciate the men and women of American agriculture whose knowledge, skills, and hard work enable them to provide so much of our food and fiber. Because of the high rates of occupational and nonoccupational mishaps they incur, however, we also express our concern for the safety and health of these fellow citizens and their children and our pride in their efforts in behalf of farm and ranch safety as they go about daily living.